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Classified By: Ambassador Richard LeBaron for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) PolOff delivered reftel demarche May 12 to Dr. Hamad Bou Rahamah, the Acting Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' International Organizations Department. Bou Rahamah agreed that Belarus' human rights record was an obstacle to its candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and expressed the Kuwaiti government's desire to "work with the U.S. on this," but did not say definitively whether or not Kuwait would vote for Slovenia and Bosnia as alternatives. He promised to pursue the issue and notify post when Kuwait had made a final decision.

¶2. (C) Comment: This is an issue that does not get a great deal of visibility at the Kuwaiti MFA. While our interlocutors have agreed to consider our concerns, we recommend follow-up with the Kuwaitis in New York.

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